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Biology Prize Again Offered

The Department of Biology is offering again this year a prize of one hundred dollars for the best work done in that department. This money is to go as a scholarship for a session at the summer school at Cold Spring Harbor. This is a resort to which many of the leading scientists from this part of the country and the west flock during the summer to teach and to pursue research of every kind.

The course is given by experts who expect to go on in some branch of it and who could not otherwise afford to spend a summer in this way, a scholarship of this sort comes as a boon well worth striving to earn; and there is not the shadow of a doubt—those taking the various courses in biology know!—that if he gets it, he has earned it.

This is an improvement over the Younger, 27. Last year, as the classes grow larger, the competition will grow more keen, for it is an honor as well as a material thing to win.

This is more advantage of the small college, that the professors can be personally interested enough in the men under them to help them in such ways as this. All credit to Dr. Strong for making the scholarship possible.

Lecture Recital On Dvorak

On the evening of the Monday before Christmas holidays, the College was entertained by Mr. Biart, a former member of two foreign orchestras, and official lecturer of the New York Philharmonic Society. Mr. Biart was new only to the freshmen, and those of us who had heard his former recitals were fully sustained in our opinions regarding them. It was regretted that the time was so limited for, due to the lengthy explanations necessary for each piece, Mr. Biart was unable to play more than three or four selections.

Varsity Basketball Results

Steady Showing In Opening Games

The St. Stephen's Varsity basketball team began its season, December 10th, in a game played with Union University at Schenectady. The following day the Crimson eagles were matched with the New York University 12, the Varsity met Rutgers, at New Brunswick, New Jersey. An autographed copy of the results of each game follows:

Crimson vs. Union

Because of injuries to the first squad men, the Union coach was unable to start his first-raters against the Varsity, and in the first half the second team took the floor. The score was low at the end of the first minute. The Union coach decided to risk his first squad men against a possible defeat, the result was that the second half was played with much more speed and interest. For the first seven minutes of the last period the up-staters were held scoreless, which was due to the excellent defensive work of the Varsity players. With but a few minutes of play, the Union players opened with a successful long-shot attack that gave the Garnet a final decision of 33 points against the Varsity's 14.

The game itself was no demonstration of the real strength of the Union team, which, since the contest, has dwindled with ease N. Y. U. and several other outstanding lamps posts in the basketball world.

Crimson vs. New York U.

This game was marred by a considerable amount of rough and tumble playing and poor management. In effect, it seemed to impose serious restraint upon St. Stephen's players that the game was able to continue at all. From the viewpoint of good basketball it was devoid of interest. "Slicker" Harding's defensive play featured for the Crimson.

Hawkins, captain and right forward, was the best scorer for the Violet team but, from a sportsman's viewpoint, he completely disregarded the rules of the game and this fact marred his game. The final tally was N. Y. U. 45, St. Stephen's 16.

Crimson vs. Rutgers

The Rutgers game was a welcome change to Coach Bray, for the team displayed a stronger and finer game than had been the case in either of the two previous contests.

At the end of the first half the score stood 16-10, with Rutgers in the lead. It seemed to Coach Bray that his charges would stage a fine game in the final period and knock off a victory. In the last seven minutes of play the Varsity was within three points of the Rutgers score. The fine defensive work of Benker, high-point man in the east in football for 24, and the aggressive work of Mank, Rutgers forward, decided the outcome of the game, when the Varsity's defense slumped.

Carleton showed a flash of really fine form in this affair by scoring two successive field goals against Benker and his exhibition has convinced Coach Bray that he has not yet played the basketball of which he is capable. Kennedy was the high scorer for the Varsity with 3 field goals and 3 points from the penalty line; his game was splendid throughout. Final score Rutgers 41, S. S. C. 25.

Varsity vs. Williams

On December 19th the basketball team trotted off to Williams town, Mass., to play the Williams quintet, the Crimson's final game before the Christmas vacation.

The game is credited with being the most uninteresting and least battle in which the St. Stephen's five has taken part this year. The first half the new men will be given what are called Placement, mathematics and modern languages.

The result of these tests will determine much of the work to be done in the freshman year. The more intelligent students, who do good work in these tests, will be exempt from taking those courses offered in the first year and may continue in advanced classes. A psychological test will also be given the new men before they are turned over to a few upperclassmen for instruction in college activities.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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EVARALO COMMITTEE MEETS

Slight Changes in Curriculum Made

At a meeting of the Educational Committee of the Board of Trustees held in New York on Tuesday afternoon, January 15, it was decided to continue the requirement of two years of Latin at St. Stephen's college. The faculty of the college had recommended that the Latin requirement in the scientific course be reduced by one year. After some discussion, it was decided not to reduce the Latin requirement in any course. The rule permits only a few exceptions for students whose cases will be individually considered.

The creation of a social science course to supplement the classical, literary and scientific courses now offered was authorized by the committee. In addition to the regular requirements, it is expected that this course will offer extra work in social science and history. It is planned for students contemplating law as a profession, or planning to enter the field of social welfare work. This new course will be offered for the first time in September.

Two years of Latin, one year of mathematics or an equivalent, one year of philosophy, and one year of religion were made the basis of the A. B. degree.

An experiment that will be introduced next fall provides for a "Freshman Week," which will require all new men to present themselves at the college three days before the upperclassmen arrive. During these three days the new men will be given what are called Placement, mathematics and modern languages.

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Members of the Educational Committee are: Dean Vosklovek of the General Theological Seminary, Preceptor Baldwin of Columbia, Dr. Narvis of Brooklyn, William Harrison, John Hance of New York, and Dr. R. I. Bell, president.

TRUSTEE NOTES

John Hance, a member of the board of trustees, has donated funds with which the third new faculty house will be built.
The Messenger Proof Sheet

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
January 12th, 1925.

Dear Sir:

I very cordially extend you a personal invitation to attend a lecture on the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan delivered by the Rev. Dr. Oser Haywood, formerly (sic) of Calvary Baptist Church in New York City and now a National Lecturer of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This gentleman has well-founded (sic) reputation and the attendance is always large wherever he speaks.

This organization is entirely misrepresented by the press, and the public opinion in general is against us. Am sending a personal invitation to every clergyman in the county, to attend this lecture and learn the true side of the story as explained to us by this well-known man, and, as leaders in their (sic) community, to carry this back to their congregation or anybody who may care to be enlightened.

The Knights (not anti-Catholic) organization and a Christian movement and as such should be brought before the Protestant Christian people of our community in the true light (sic).

Your attendance at this lecture does not obligate you in any way to become a member. For those that (sic) desire, an opportunity will be available for membership.

Incidently, Ministers of the Gospel are not required to make any donation if they desire to join the order.

Yours sincerely,

District Klugle, Dutchess-Putnam Counties,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Per DWA (7).

And on the back of the card of admission: "I, do solemnly and sincerely, promise and pledge upon my most sacred honor, that I will forever keep sacredly secret, the name and identity of any person or persons whom I might see at this meeting."

"As a test of my honor I pledge myself to keep the same inviolate." Honest, folks, we didn’t make it up! In fact, we do not think that we could. Such an epistle must have come from the writer’s soul; no one could possibly counterfeit illiberality to such a consistent and well-rounded degree. If we could turn out such stuff as this, we should apply for a job hereon Don Marquis or P. A. Alexander, alas, we can not feel that this is entirely ridiculous. There is something pitiful about it; it has in all the hoky-poky vocabulary which the small boy in his dialogues in “the lots”; it is the sort of thing which satisfies the twelve year old, in his third form. This side of Ku Kluxism is harmless. It is only a feeble attempt to find an emotional outlet in a world piled with prohibitive laws, and others of the same ilk. And so we shall leave it out of consideration.

But there is a more ominous side to it: at this date we should waste a time seriously to consider the Klan; not its spirit, which has been well characterized by some one as “Americanism.”

If it were an organization desired for public respect, it would not need to fliver about the country. Exploited in pillow cases. It can cry its doctrines aloud from the belfries.

It is a lawless organization. It takes the law in its own hands, commits criminal assault under the cover of night, and numbers, interferes with personal liberties, and vice principal of the democracy which is supposed to obtain in the United States. It sponsors the secret power into the politics of a government which is having a hard struggle to free itself from them, and, controlling itself on the back as the supporter of a democracy which had, as one of its first champions, Thomas Jefferson.

Champions of the hooded order claim that outrages are committed by outsiders in the guise of Klansmen. This is a defense: one of the greatest dangers from such an organization is that others may easily counterfeits its disguise and thus escape the crimes committed in the name of the Klan.

It is unchristian. One of the most startling precepts of the Master was: “Judge not, lest ye be judged.” This saying is, conveniently enough, almost always forgotten by reformers who carry on their persecutions in his name. Certainly it is not stressed.

Furthermore, Christ showed no sympathy for persecution; he attempted to organize His religion on class, racial, or nationalistic lines.

The facility of sending such a letter to St. Stephen’s College is, we sincerely hope, blatantly obvious.

This is a Christian College. It is composed of men of enough intelligence to be tolerant means, and, therefore, too intelligent to have any truck with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

CONTEMPORARY OPINION

The PROOF SHEET takes great pleasure in printing the following quotation from the Exchange columns of the King’s College Record, Christmas Number, 1924: “On reading your magazine we are first impressed by the fact that you are aiming to make it solely a literary production. The poems ‘Le Denouement de l’Histoire’ and The Governing, a command of language beyond that which is ordinarily found in current college production. You are indeed lucky in having members of your staff who are competent to write the ever-needed poetry. We congratulate you on your articles, both for their literary value and the ideas they present.”

We think ourselves sometimes

ALUMNI NOTES

On December 20, 1924, the Rev. Edmund Banks Smith, D. D., of the class of 1885, died very suddenly of anarctic pectoris. The funeral was conducted by Dr. Retson, Rector of Trinity Church, New York, the other clergy of the Parish being present. St. Mary’s Cemetery, Burlington, N. J., Fr. Smith was born January 2, 1863, at Princeton, New Jersey and graduated at Burlington College, and at Trinity School, Tivoli, N. Y., and, after two years at Columbia University, graduated from this College with the class of 1885. On his ordination to the Priesthood, he became Assistant at the “Little Church across the Corner,” New York, and then Vicar of St. Peter’s on Governor’s Island, 1903-1923. Becoming Vicar Emeritus in 1923, he took a trip around the world, spent some time at his home at Garrison-on-Hudson, N. Y. He was the author of two editions of “Governor’s Island Under Three Flags.”

The Rev. Dr. Richard H. Gencer, ‘94, has resigned the rectorate of Christ Church, Oswego, N. Y., after eighteen years’ service, and has accepted a call to the two parishes of Trinity in Newton, Conn., and St. John’s, Sandy Hook, Conn., in the northern part of Fairfield County. While in Oswego Dr. Gencer has built up the church in many ways, has been prominent in church councils and, during Bishop Plack’s present illness, has been acting as his deo of the d——, that is, President of the Standing Committee, until the consecration of Bishop Coley.

The Rev. Henry J. Saunders, ‘21, was ordained to the Priesthood in St. Mary’s Memorial Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Dec. 19, 1924. The Rev. Alexander Mann, S. T. D., Bishop of the Diocese. About twenty-five of the neighboring clergy were present.
President Bell Honored

Rev. B. I. Bell, president of this college, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Association of American Universities. He succeeds in this office Dean Charles N. Cole of Oberlin College. The other officers of the association are: President, President Kirkland of Vanderbilt University; vice-president, President Pendleton of Wellesley College; and members of the executive committee, President Dylott of Swarthmore and President Gage of Coe.

DEATH OF FORMER TRUSTEE

The Rev. William M. Gilbert, D. D., for some time a Trustee of the College, died on Tuesday, December 8, 1924. Dr. Gilbert was for twenty-eight years Rector of St. Paul Church, New York. During his long persecutory he has been very prominent in affairs of the city, being president of the Club, as well as having an interest in many other things. A Requiem Mass for Dr. Gilbert was celebrated in the College Chapel on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1925.

THE MUMMERS ENTERTAIN

On the evening of December 11, in the Memorial Gymnasium, the Mummers presented their first offering since their organization. The program consisted of four one-act plays: "Their Wife," by George Middletown, "Release," by Edward Smith, "The Rising of the Moon," by Lady Gregory, and "Helena's Husband," by Philip Moeller. Three of these, were very successful; the other—well, it was one of those times that must be reckoned on when waggons are hitched to stars.

In "Their Wife" William Vogt and Schuyler Crunden appeared as the first and second husbands of a fascinating but uncertain lady apparently about to begin on experiment number three. They managed to get a good deal out of a subtle and exacting situation. The fact that they coached the play themselves should add further berries to their wreath.

The most unsatisfactory feature of the sketch was the make-up. Crunden's hair was not "beginning to grey over the temples." It was simply patched; while Vogt displayed a flatting but untimely resemblance to a wax-clown model. The same trouble was repeated later in the evening. Kid Molloy, who announced his age as thirty-three, as though he had spent at least thirty years in the pen. And some really good acting of Paquin's was weakened by his unfortunate resemblance to Santa Claus.

"Release" was, in our opinion, the strongest and most successful bit of serious dramatic work that has been attempted here. Four men are in the death-house for a single murder. There is a chance of escape for three of them if one will confess. After appalling a dual decision have been made by means of prayer and the toss of a coin. Fate takes the matter in hand and settles it in her own way. Brent Woodruff, as Bob O'Malley, swaggered through the earlier part of his role quite satisfactorily, and at the end arose to really powerful acting. Edward Lodder, as Lefty, had some trouble in keeping his voice from being too young and soft. Aside from this defect, his performance in the extremely difficult character of the squawyer was gripping and real. The supporting cast achieved a convincing comedy. "Release" was William Vogt's maiden effort as a producer, and we are completely in accord with his opinion that he is to be congratulated upon the result.

"The Rising of the Moon" was a rather tenous, poetic fancy, extremely dependent upon its setting, and our apparatus was unequal to the demand. Moreover, the thing is so entirely Irish that it is meaningless without the illusion resulting from a more much easier and more convincing brogue than we can produce. Under the circumstances, Prowse and Walker did very creditable work.

In "Helena's Husband" Philip Moeller gives a much more plausible explanation of the events leading up to the Trojan War than Homer ever managed to convey; but the audience's appreciation of the serious sociological side of the play seemed to be somewhat overbalanced by delight in a really glorious comedy. The seductive charm of Charles Montier as Helena was great enough to explain any catastrophe. In fact he enabled us to appreciate for the first time that famous line of Marlowe's: "Is this the face that launched a thousand ships?" For once we did not have to say of our heroine; "She did very well—for a man."

Herbert Craig made the most of the nee too elastic role of Paris. Alphonse Packard's acting as the aged but bellicose chancellor was intrinsically better than anything he has done in feminine parts. Harold Benson gave a remarkably animated, and why life-like characterization of the Ethiopian gir-woman Thamus, and Wylie Syber, if anyone, is entitled to the individual honors of the whole evening. His work as the bored and desperate husband was good; but his pantomime as the pacifist king hopelessly protesting against a strong-minded chancellor was really marvelous!

Dr. Bell coached this play; and, if the first two numbers on the program were evidence that the Mummers can get along without his help, the last was sufficient proof that they will not wish to.

The casts follows:
II

"Their Wife," by George Middleton
Martin McCormick, William Vogt
Dudley Standish, Schuyler Crunden
Pauline McCormick, Standish
Scene: Mr. McCormick's town house.
II

"Release" by Edward Smith, Lefty Veneziano, Edward Lodder, Rabbit Moretto, Warren Cranhill, Kid Molloy, Paul T. T. Bull O'Malley, Brent Woodruff, Tarasy, a keeper, Frederick Eckert.
Scene: A cell on an up-state jail.

III

"The Rising of the Moon" by Lady Gregory,
Scene: A quay, Ireland.

IV

"Helena's Husband" by Philip Moeller.
Helena, Charles Montier, Thamus, Harold Benson,
Scene: Helena's boudoir, in ancient Sparta.

STAFF:
Property Manager—Roy Webber, Scenic Effects—Frank Patterson, Mechanical and Costume, William Hardy, Electrician, Clarence Buchanan, Business Manager—Gilbert Smith.

The authors produced the first play; Mr. Vogt, the second; Dr. Bell, the third and the fourth.

CHANGE IN BASEBALL MANAGEMENT

Charles W. McLean, class of 1923, who tendered his resignation as manager of the baseball team to the athletic committee. Although the resignation has not as yet been acted upon, it is expected that the committee will accept it, and probably appoint John Babcock, now assistant manager, as manager for the remainder of the season.

Manager McLean has completed the baseball schedule which is not as heavy as the ones in past years. Instructions not to begin the games until April 23 and a cut in the budget have made them responsible for the lighter schedule.

The first game will be played on April 23 when St. Stephen's will meet the Lafayette nine. It is probable that this contest will be staged at Kingston. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

April 28—Albany State at Red Hook.
May 1—Providence at Providence.
May 2—Conn. Aggies at St. Rose.
May 9—Albany State at Red Hook.
May 15—Upsala at Kenilworth, N. J.
May 16—Stevens Tech at Hoboken.
May 19—St. Lawrence at Red Hook.
May 20—Manhattan at Red Hook.
May 28—Tanglewood at Red Hook.

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SECOND TEAM WINS AND LOSES

Pauling Wins Close Game—Seconds Ride Kingston

The second basketball team lost its first game of the season by a 16 to 13 score, when met the Pawling school team at Pawling, N. Y., on Saturday afternoon, January 16. The fact that the score was so low and close is a true indicator that it was an interesting game to watch.

The Pawling men, who are being drilled under an Illinois coach, displayed a western brand of basketball which was a bit difficult for the St. Stephen's men to follow during the first half of the contest. This is probably one reason why the Pawling players gained five points on the second team players in the first half and were able to keep the edge on them during the entire game. It was quite evident, however, that had our men had more practice as a unit, they would have had an even chance of winning the game.

It would be fair to say that the game was lost by the second team because of the failure to score goals from fouls. The Pawling team gave the St. Stephen's men 26 fouls from which only seven goals were made. Wecks was responsible for six of them and Wilson for a lone one.

On the whole, the individual playing was good. Wecks, a member of the freshman class, displayed a good brand of basketball and his future work will be doubly bear watching. Wecks, Wilson and Kroll were responsible for the three field goals made by the Pawling men.

Burdick and Conley were the two men who worked the best on the opponent's side. The former made two field goals and the latter three.

Second Team 27—Kingston H. S. 11

On the evening of Friday, January 16, the St. Stephen's Seconds defeated K. H. S. in a fast and cleanly played contest. Wilson of the scrubs drew first blood early in the game when he scored from the foul line. For the rest of the period the score see-sawed back and forth, now with Kingston leading by a point, now with the Second Team a basket ahead. After the minute's rest between periods, however, the scrubs came back strong, and baskets by Murray, Wilson and Quarterman gave us a lead of 16 to 8 when the half ended.

During the second half the seconds completely outplayed the high school lads, leading 15 to their 3 points. Wilson caged two more shots, while Quarterman scored twice, and Kroll and Wecks added a basket apiece.

The excellence of the scrubs' defense is demonstrated by the fact that but one goal was scored by Kingston during the twenty minutes of the second half.

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Haberdashers to St. Stephen

THE RT. REV. PAUL JONES SPEAKS

The address on the second Sunday after Epiphany, January 18, was delivered by the Rt. Rev. Paul Jones, once time Bishop of Utah. The text was taken from the ninth chapter of St. Luke, “And they would not receive Him because His face was set toward Jerusalem. And He turned and rebuked them and said ‘Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.’"

“You know not what manner of spirit ye are of.”

In the handling of this text, the Rt. Rev. Jones brought up and discussed the pressing problem of how to deal with other personalities than our own—how to survive personal contacts with the inner spirits of our fellow men. Whatever methods we use in doing this, we must remember that what we say or do must be in harmony with the peculiar traits of the personality which we approach.

The world, said Bishop Jones, is getting little light on methods we talk, and the more enlightened we become, the more we realize that the means by which we hope to achieve the end, are not apart from the character of the result itself. The causes are really part and parcel of the content. “And the great charge that may be made against our civilization is that it treats men as more meant to some further end rather than as ends in their own glorious selves."

What are the proper methods, continued the speaker, if they are not those dictated by an attitude of trust and faith toward other people? It is the “approach” of friendliness and sincerity which carries the encounter on in blessed continuance. Illustrating this point, the Rt. Rev. Jones told two stories, relating, in one of them, how an early Quaker named Tyler saved himself and his family from massacre by refusing to bar his cabin door against a supposedly hostile tribe of Indians. Tyler betrayed his own attitude of “trust and faith”—and as a happy sequel, the surprised Indians themselves could not betray Tyler’s confidence.

Let us then, concluded the one-time Bishop of Utah, approach all persons as persons—“in the spirit of which we are.” It is not the goal that matters, but the steps we take along the way.

The Rt. Rev. Paul Jones is now Secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

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